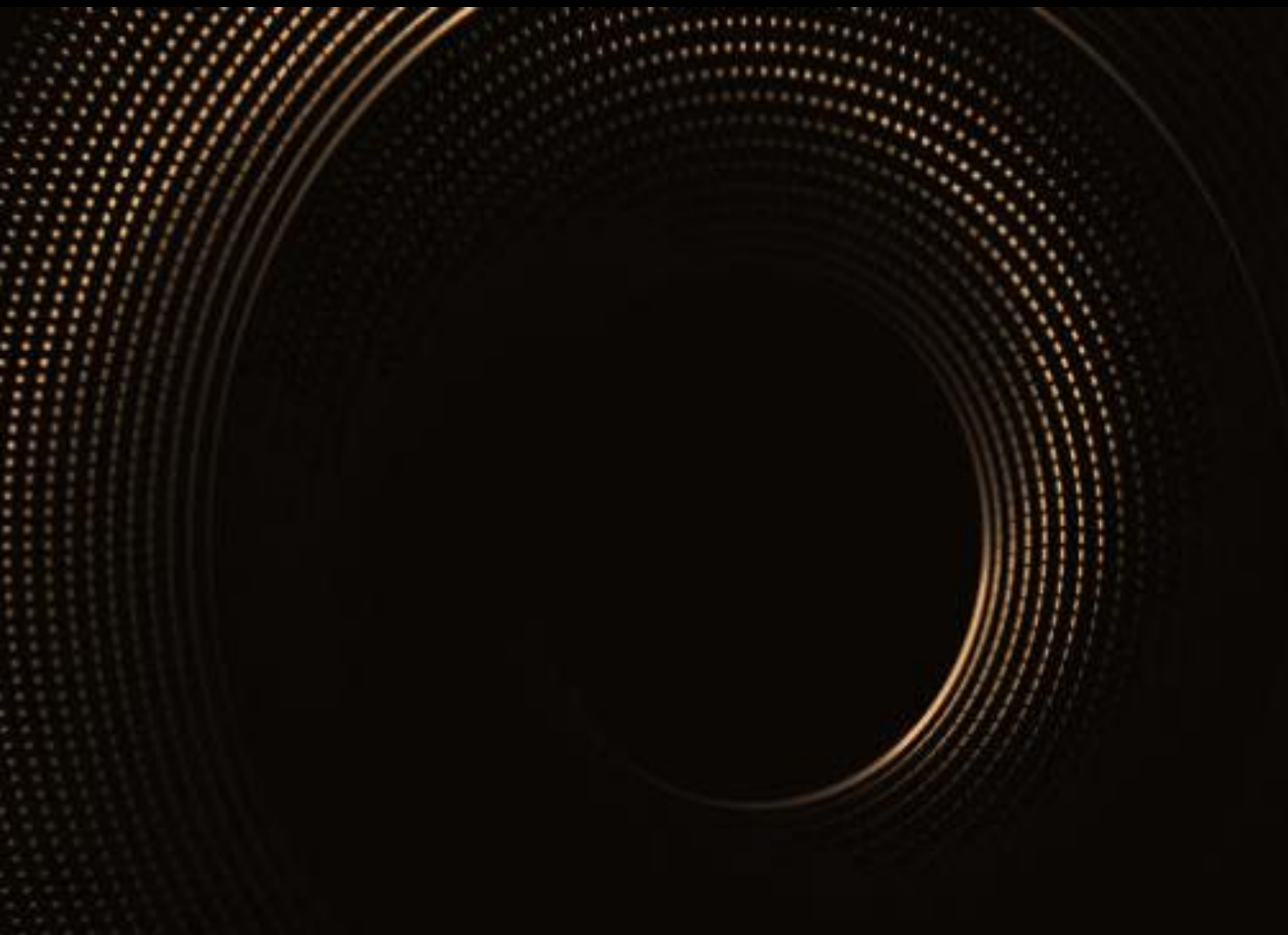
July 16

Luke 16:15

“Popularity: As God Sees It”



Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

You show off in front of people. Some say:

We care about the unborn...
We feed the poor in Africa...
We hold rallies for Christ...

We have hundreds of thousands of social media followers and subscribers…
We raise money for victims of hurricanes and earthquakes…
Our women's hair is long and our men's hair is short and all of our sleeves, dress hems and trouser legs are respectably long…
We attend church, temple, or mosque regularly…

We tithe more than 10%
plus give offerings…

BUT GOD KNOWS YOUR HEARTS!
God sees the worldliness and folly in your day-to-day lives.
He knows you're not sincerely studying Scripture personally. He is aware that you do not try (test) the spirits which operate

behind what you see, hear, and do—those which invisibly manipulate the visible environment.

He is not ignorant of your oppression of people. He sees your deeply-rooted contempt for fellow humans because of shades of skin or other surface differences. God sees your love for praise, attention,

and popularity—that which is highly esteemed among men. Scripture calls it disgusting in the sight of God; it's called "abomination".

What does abomination mean? Those actions and attitudes which are thought of as admirable among humans are not just unpleasant to God, they

are an OUTRAGE to him. Covering up personal wrongs to make a glowing show in front of people is not merely disliked by God; it's repugnant and hated by God.

We should regularly check to see how any of our acceptance by others compares the Creator's view. Would God, who knows

motives, find our actions
100% favorable or
100% fraud?

As for popularity, how
does God see it?